

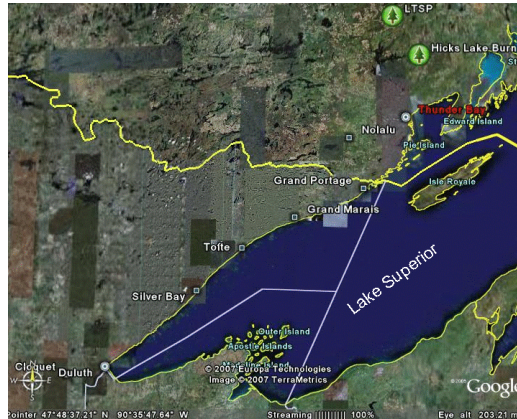
## The 2007 Northeast Forest Soils Conference

### From Rocks to Bogs: Exploring the North Shore of Lake Superior

#### Integrating Science into Forest Policy and Planning: Opportunities and Challenges

July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007

(A 4-day Field Tour from Cloquet, MN – Thunder Bay, ON)



#### Conference Hosts:

- ✓ Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
  - Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research (CNFER)
  - Northwest Science and Information (NWSI)
  - Aviation and Forest Fire Management (AFFM)
- ✓ Minnesota Forest Resources Council / Department of Natural Resources
- ✓ University of Minnesota, Department of Forest Resources
- ✓ USDA Forest Service, Superior National Forest
- ✓ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



**Conference Theme:** The integration of forest sciences with policy and planning has been increasingly important in many jurisdictions. The demand for soil and silviculture science information in planning and setting policy will likely increase as the market and social demands for certified forest products increase and the public becomes more aware of the requirements for evaluating sustainability (*i.e.*, criteria & indicators). Yet, the capacity for organizations to provide these needs rarely keeps up with the demand.





This conference is aimed at showing:

1. how soil and silviculture science have shaped practice and policy in Minnesota and Ontario,
2. what the priorities are in our science delivery, and
3. how a partnership is forming across the border to provide efficiency in research for effective policy and information transfer.

#### About the Tour:

Conference delegates will spend 4 days visiting research, monitoring, and operational sites that highlight current science and policy issues facing resource managers in this region and beyond. Broad topics to be examined include the relationship of soils to:

1. Site disturbance guidelines and assessment
2. Biomass for energy
3. Riparian zone management and shoreline harvesting
4. Management approaches to deal with natural disturbance events (Blowdown, fire, pests)
5. Soil quality monitoring



**Tentative Itinerary: (Full and partial tours will be available)**

**Full Tour: US – Canada (July 29 – August 2).** To avoid delays and meet US Custom requirements **Passports are required for all travelers entering the US by plane and recommended for all others.** Includes round trip travel from your chosen point of travel: 1) Cloquet (drop off at Duluth airport option) or 2) Thunder Bay.

#### **Partial Tour 1 (July 29 – August 1). US Side only. Cloquet MN to Grand Portage MN**

Includes round trip van travel from Cloquet MN (with drop off option on August 1 at Duluth airport in time to catch the 12:50 flight to Minneapolis).

#### **Partial Tour 2. (August 1 – 2) Canadian (Northwest Ontario) Side Only.**

Day trips departing from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. You should plan departures from Thunder Bay on August 3.

Post conference tour (August 3 – 4) **Canadian (Northwest Ontario) Side Only**

**Additional** day trips to visit different sites, departing from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

Date & Time	Start	End	comment
July 29 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Thunder Bay	Cloquet	Travel for those who wish to end in Thunder Bay
July 29 <sup>th</sup> Evening	Cloquet evening ice breaker, introductory talks, and poster session		
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cloquet	Grand Marais	Minnesota Northshore
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grand Marais	Grand Portage	Boundary Waters
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Grand Portage	Thunder Bay	Transition Forest
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay	Boreal Forest
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Return trip to Duluth Airport / Post conference tours possible		

### **Helping out the Organizing Committee:**

The organizing committee has made excellent progress in developing the itinerary, but much work remains. It would be a great help to us if you could take the time to respond to the following questions:

Are you hoping/planning to attend this year's conference: ☐ Yes; ☐ No?

Are you interested in the: ☐ full tour; ☐ partial (US only); ☐ partial (CAN only)?

Would you plan on arriving/departing from: ☐ Duluth, MN; ☐ Thunder Bay, ON?

We realize that it is difficult to commit at such an early date due to travel restrictions, budgets, etc., but the above information will help us determine approximate numbers of delegates for vehicle, accommodation, and meal requirements. As noted below, we hope to have a website up and running in about a month, but in the meantime you can forward your responses to Dave or Dan (see emails, phone and fax numbers below).

### **2007 NEFSC Web Site (coming soon):**

The organizing committee plans to have a website, which will include online registration, up and running over the next month. We will forward the website hyperlink as soon as it is available.

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